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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Box Fee Amendment
Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated October 17, 2000. Claims 10-16, 25, 30, 33, 35, 38 and 39 are currently under examination. A three-month extension of time accompanies this response, extending the time to respond from January 17, 2001 to April 17, 2001.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 10-16, 25, 30, 33, 35, 38-39.

Please add claims 45-73 as follows:

45. A test kit useful for detecting polynucleotide in a test sample, comprising: